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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants: M. FUTAMOTO, et al

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MAGNETIC RECORDING APPARATUS

Group: 1773

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<u>AMENDMENT</u>

MS Amendment

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450 May 8, 2006

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated February 7, 2006, please amend the above-identified application as follows.

Amendments to the Claims

Remarks are included following the amendments.